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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Certain Census Blocks in Georgetown and Marion Counties for Purposes of Receiving Federal Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase H Support

Docket No. 2018-346-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") reviewed the Application of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") and does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") granting the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") designation requested in the Company's Application. ORS does not intend to attend the hearing scheduled for January 23, 2019.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)